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Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

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Mr. SPRATT, from the Committee on the Budget, reported the following concurrent resolution; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

1 **SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET**
2 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.**

3 (a) DECLARATION.—The Congress determines and
4 declares that the concurrent resolution on the budget for
5 fiscal year 2008 is revised and replaced and that this is
6 the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year
7 2009, including appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal
8 years 2010 through 2013.

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1 **TITLE I—RECOMMENDED**
2 **LEVELS AND AMOUNTS**

3 **SEC. 101. RECOMMENDED LEVELS AND AMOUNTS.**

4 The following budgetary levels are appropriate for
5 each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013:

6 (1) FEDERAL REVENUES.—For purposes of the
7 enforcement of this resolution:

8 (A) The recommended levels of Federal
9 revenues are as follows:

10 Fiscal year 2008: \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009: \$_____,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010: \$_____,000,000.

3 Fiscal year 2011: \$_____,000,000.

4 Fiscal year 2012: \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2013: \$_____,000,000.

6 (B) The amounts by which the aggregate
7 levels of Federal revenues should be adjusted
8 are as follows:

9 Fiscal year 2008: \$_____,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2009: \$_____,000,000.

11 Fiscal year 2010: \$_____,000,000.

12 Fiscal year 2011: \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012: \$_____,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013: \$_____,000,000.

15 (2) NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY.—For purposes
16 of the enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate
17 levels of total new budget authority are as follows:

18 Fiscal year 2008: \$_____,000,000.

19 Fiscal year 2009: \$_____,000,000.

20 Fiscal year 2010: \$_____,000,000.

21 Fiscal year 2011: \$_____,000,000.

22 Fiscal year 2012: \$_____,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2013: \$_____,000,000.

1 (3) BUDGET OUTLAYS.—For purposes of the
2 enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate levels
3 of total budget outlays are as follows:

4 Fiscal year 2008: \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2009: \$_____,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2010: \$_____,000,000.

7 Fiscal year 2011: \$_____,000,000.

8 Fiscal year 2012: \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2013: \$_____,000,000.

10 (4) DEFICITS (ON-BUDGET).—For purposes of
11 the enforcement of this resolution, the amounts of
12 the deficits (on-budget) are as follows:

13 Fiscal year 2008: \$_____,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2009: \$_____,000,000.

15 Fiscal year 2010: \$_____,000,000.

16 Fiscal year 2011: \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2012: \$_____,000,000.

18 Fiscal year 2013: \$_____,000,000.

19 (5) DEBT SUBJECT TO LIMIT.—Pursuant to
20 section 301(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act
21 of 1974, the appropriate levels of the debt subject to
22 limit are as follows:

23 Fiscal year 2008: \$_____,000,000.

24 Fiscal year 2009: \$_____,000,000.

25 Fiscal year 2010: \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2011: \$_____,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2012: \$_____,000,000.

3 Fiscal year 2013: \$_____,000,000.

4 (6) DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—The appro-
5 priate levels of debt held by the public are as follows:

6 Fiscal year 2008: \$_____,000,000.

7 Fiscal year 2009: \$_____,000,000.

8 Fiscal year 2010: \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011: \$_____,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012: \$_____,000,000.

11 Fiscal year 2013: \$_____,000,000.

12 **SEC. 102. MAJOR FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES.**

13 The Congress determines and declares that the ap-
14 propriate levels of new budget authority and outlays for
15 fiscal years 2008 through 2013 for each major functional
16 category are:

17 (1) National Defense (050):

18 Fiscal year 2008:

19 (A) New budget authority,
20 \$_____,000,000.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

22 Fiscal year 2009:

23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2010:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2011:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2012:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2013:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 (2) International Affairs (150):

18 Fiscal year 2008:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____,000,000.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

22 Fiscal year 2009:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2010:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2011:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2012:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2013:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 (3) General Science, Space, and Technology

18 (250):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$_____,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

18 (4) Energy (270):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$_____,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

18 (5) Natural Resources and Environment (300):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$_____,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

18 (6) Agriculture (350):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$_____,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

18 (7) Commerce and Housing Credit (370):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$_____,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

18 (8) Transportation (400):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$_____,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

18 (9) Community and Regional Development

19 (450):

20 Fiscal year 2008:

21 (A) New budget authority,

22 \$_____,000,000.

23 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

24 Fiscal year 2009:

1 (A) New budget authority,
2 \$_____,000,000.

3 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

4 Fiscal year 2010:

5 (A) New budget authority,
6 \$_____,000,000.

7 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

8 Fiscal year 2011:

9 (A) New budget authority,
10 \$_____,000,000.

11 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

12 Fiscal year 2012:

13 (A) New budget authority,
14 \$_____,000,000.

15 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

16 Fiscal year 2013:

17 (A) New budget authority,
18 \$_____,000,000.

19 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

20 (10) Education, Training, Employment, and
21 Social Services (500):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (11) Health (550):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (12) Medicare (570):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (13) Income Security (600):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (14) Social Security (650):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (15) Veterans Benefits and Services (700):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (16) Administration of Justice (750):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (17) General Government (800):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (18) Net Interest (900):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (19) Allowances (920):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (20) Undistributed Offsetting Receipts (950):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$_____,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$_____,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$_____,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

21 (21) Overseas Deployments and Other Activi-

22 ties (970):

23 Fiscal year 2008:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2009:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2010:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$_____,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2011:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2012:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

18 Fiscal year 2013:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____,000,000.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____,000,000.

1 **TITLE II—RECONCILIATION**

2 **SEC. 201. RECONCILIATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-**
3 **ATIVES.**

4 (a) CHANGES IN MANDATORY SPENDING.—Not later
5 than September 12, 2008, the House Committee on Ways
6 and Means shall report a reconciliation bill making
7 changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce
8 direct spending by \$750,000,000 for the period of fiscal
9 years 2008 through 2013.

10 (b) CHANGES IN REVENUE.—Not later than July 15,
11 2008, the House Committee on Ways and Means shall re-
12 port a reconciliation bill making changes in laws within
13 its jurisdiction that will reduce total revenues by
14 \$____,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and will increase total
15 revenues by \$____,000,000 for the period of fiscal years
16 2010 through 2013.

17 (c) ADJUSTMENTS TO ALLOCATIONS AND AGGRE-
18 GATES.—

19 (1) Upon the reporting to the House of any bill
20 that has complied with reconciliation instructions,
21 the chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
22 file with the House appropriately revised allocations
23 under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget
24 Act of 1974 and revised functional levels and aggre-
25 gates.

1 (2) Upon the submission to the House of any
2 conference report recommending a reconciliation bill
3 in which a committee has complied with its reconcili-
4 ation instructions, the chairman of the Committee
5 on the Budget may file with the House appropriately
6 revised allocations under section 302(a) of such Act
7 and revised functional levels and aggregates.

8 (3) Allocations and aggregates revised pursuant
9 to this subsection shall be considered to be alloca-
10 tions and aggregates established by the concurrent
11 resolution on the budget pursuant to section 301 of
12 such Act.

13 **TITLE III—RESERVE FUNDS**

14 **SEC. 301. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR SCHIP** 15 **LEGISLATION.**

16 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
17 Budget may revise the allocations of a committee or com-
18 mittees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this
19 resolution for any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or
20 conference report, which contains matter within the juris-
21 diction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce that
22 expands coverage and improves children's health through
23 the State Childrens Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
24 under title XXI of the Social Security Act and the pro-
25 gram under title XIX of such Act (commonly known as

1 Medicaid) and that increases new budget authority that
2 will result in no more than \$50,000,000,000 in outlays
3 in fiscal years 2008 through 2013, and others which con-
4 tain offsets so designated for the purpose of this section
5 within the jurisdiction of another committee or commit-
6 tees, if the combined changes would not increase the def-
7 icit or decrease the surplus for the period of fiscal years
8 2008 through 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008
9 through 2018.

10 **SEC. 302. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR VET-**
11 **ERANS AND SERVICEMEMBERS.**

12 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
13 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
14 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
15 lution, amendment, or conference report that—

16 (1) enhances medical care for wounded or dis-
17 abled military personnel or veterans;

18 (2) maintains affordable health care for mili-
19 tary retirees and veterans;

20 (3) improves disability benefits or evaluations
21 for wounded or disabled military personnel or vet-
22 erans, including measures to expedite the claims
23 process;

1 (4) expands eligibility to permit additional dis-
2 abled military retirees to receive both disability com-
3 pensation and retired pay;

4 (5) eliminates the offset between Survivor Ben-
5 efit Plan annuities and veterans' dependency and in-
6 demnity compensation; or

7 (6) provides or increases benefits for Filipino
8 veterans of World War II or their survivors and de-
9 pendents;

10 by the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
11 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
12 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
13 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

14 **SEC. 303. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR EDU-**
15 **CATION BENEFITS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS,**
16 **VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

17 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
18 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
19 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
20 lution, amendment, or conference report that enhances
21 education benefits or assistance for servicemembers (in-
22 cluding Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve), vet-
23 erans, or their spouses, survivors, or dependents by the
24 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
25 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-

1 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
2 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

3 **SEC. 304. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR INFRA-**
4 **STRUCTURE INVESTMENT.**

5 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
6 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
7 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
8 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
9 increased investment in infrastructure projects by the
10 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
11 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-
12 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
13 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

14 **SEC. 305. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR RENEW-**
15 **ABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY.**

16 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
17 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
18 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
19 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides tax
20 incentives for or otherwise encourages the production of
21 renewable energy or increased energy efficiency; encour-
22 ages investment in emerging energy or vehicle technologies
23 or carbon capture and sequestration; provides for reduc-
24 tions in greenhouse gas emissions; or facilitates the train-
25 ing of workers for these industries (“green collar jobs”)

1 by the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
2 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
3 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
4 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

5 **SEC. 306. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR MIDDLE-**
6 **INCOME TAX RELIEF AND ECONOMIC EQUITY.**

7 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
8 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
9 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
10 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
11 tax relief for middle-income families and taxpayers or en-
12 hanced economic equity, such as extension of the child tax
13 credit, extension of marriage penalty relief, extension of
14 the 10-percent individual income tax bracket, elimination
15 of estate taxes on all but a minute fraction of estates by
16 reforming and substantially increasing the unified credit,
17 extension of the research and experimentation tax credit,
18 extension of the deduction for small business expensing,
19 extension of the deduction for State and local sales taxes,
20 and a tax credit for school construction bonds, by the
21 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
22 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-
23 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
24 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

1 **SEC. 307. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR REFORM**
2 **OF THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX.**

3 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
4 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
5 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
6 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
7 reform of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by reducing
8 the tax burden of the alternative minimum tax on middle-
9 income families by the amounts provided in such measure
10 if such measure would not increase the deficit or decrease
11 the surplus for the period of fiscal years 2008 through
12 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

13 **SEC. 308. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR HIGHER**
14 **EDUCATION.**

15 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
16 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
17 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
18 lution, amendment, or conference report that makes col-
19 lege more affordable or accessible through reforms to the
20 Higher Education Act of 1965 or other legislation by the
21 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
22 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-
23 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
24 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

1 **SEC. 309. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR AFFORD-**
2 **ABLE HOUSING.**

3 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
4 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
5 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
6 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
7 an affordable housing fund, offset by reforming the regu-
8 lation of certain government-sponsored enterprises, by the
9 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
10 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-
11 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
12 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

13 **SEC. 310. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR MEDI-**
14 **CARE IMPROVEMENTS.**

15 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
16 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
17 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
18 lution, amendment, or conference report that improves the
19 Medicare program for beneficiaries and protects access to
20 care, through measures such as increasing the reimburse-
21 ment rate for physicians while protecting beneficiaries
22 from associated premium increases and making improve-
23 ments to the prescription drug program under part D, by
24 the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
25 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for

1 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
2 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

3 **SEC. 311. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR HEALTH**
4 **CARE QUALITY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND EFFI-**
5 **CIENCY.**

6 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
7 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
8 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
9 lution, amendment, or conference report that—

10 (1) provides incentives or other support for
11 adoption of modern information technology, includ-
12 ing electronic prescribing, to improve quality and
13 protect privacy in health care;

14 (2) establishes a new Federal or public-private
15 initiative for research on the comparative effective-
16 ness of different medical interventions; or

17 (3) provides parity between health insurance
18 coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for
19 medical and surgical services, including parity in
20 public programs;

21 by the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
22 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
23 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
24 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

1 **SEC. 312. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR MED-**
2 **ICAID AND OTHER PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.—

4 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
5 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
6 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
7 lution, amendment, or conference report that prevents or
8 delays the implementation or administration of regulations
9 or other administrative actions that would affect the Med-
10 icaid, SCHIP, or other programs by the amounts provided
11 in such measure if such measure would not increase the
12 deficit or decrease the surplus for the period of fiscal years
13 2008 through 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008
14 through 2018.

15 (b) TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND
16 QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS.—In the House, the chairman
17 of the Committee on the Budget may revise the alloca-
18 tions, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this reso-
19 lution for any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or con-
20 ference report that extends the transitional medical assist-
21 ance program or the qualifying individuals program, which
22 are included in title XIX of the Social Security Act, by
23 the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
24 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
25 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
26 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

1 **SEC. 313. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR TRADE**
2 **ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE AND UNEMPLOY-**
3 **MENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION.**

4 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
5 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
6 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
7 lution, amendment, or conference report that reauthorizes
8 the trade adjustment assistance program to better meet
9 the challenges of globalization or modernizes the unem-
10 ployment insurance system to improve access to needed
11 benefits, by the amounts provided in such measure if such
12 measure would not increase the deficit or decrease the sur-
13 plus for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or
14 for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

15 **SEC. 314. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR COUNTY**
16 **PAYMENTS LEGISLATION.**

17 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
18 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
19 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
20 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
21 the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Com-
22 munity Self Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-
23 393) or makes changes to the Payments in Lieu of Taxes
24 Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-565) by the amounts provided
25 in such measure if such measure would not increase the
26 deficit or decrease the surplus for the period of fiscal years

1 2008 through 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008
2 through 2018.

3 **SEC. 315. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR SAN JOA-**
4 **QUIN RIVER RESTORATION AND NAVAJO NA-**
5 **TION WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS.**

6 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
7 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
8 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
9 lution, amendment, or conference report that would fulfill
10 the purposes of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settle-
11 ment Act or implement a Navajo Nation water rights set-
12 tlement as authorized by the Northwestern New Mexico
13 Rural Water Projects Act by the amounts provided in such
14 measure if such measure would not increase the deficit
15 or decrease the surplus for the period of fiscal years 2008
16 through 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008
17 through 2018.

18 **SEC. 316. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE NA-**
19 **TIONAL PARK CENTENNIAL FUND.**

20 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
21 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
22 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
23 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
24 the establishment of the National Parks Centennial Fund
25 by the amounts provided in such measure for that purpose

1 if such measure would not increase the deficit or decrease
2 the surplus for the period of fiscal years 2008 through
3 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018
4 **SEC. 317. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR CHILD**
5 **SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.**

6 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
7 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
8 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
9 lution, amendment, or conference report that improves
10 Federal child support collection efforts or results in more
11 collected child support reaching families by the amounts
12 provided in such measure if such measure would not in-
13 crease the deficit or decrease the surplus for the period
14 of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period of
15 fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

16 **TITLE IV—BUDGET**
17 **ENFORCEMENT**

18 **SEC. 401. PROGRAM INTEGRITY INITIATIVES.**

19 (a) ADJUSTMENTS TO DISCRETIONARY SPENDING
20 LIMITS.—

21 (1) CONTINUING DISABILITY REVIEWS AND
22 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME REDETERMINA-
23 TIONS.—In the House, prior to consideration of a
24 bill or joint resolution making appropriations for fis-
25 cal year 2009 that appropriates **【\$_____,000,000】**

1 for continuing disability reviews and Supplemental
2 Security Income redeterminations for the Social Se-
3 curity Administration, and provides an additional
4 appropriation of up to **【\$_____,000,000】**, and the
5 amount is designated for continuing disability re-
6 views and Supplemental Security Income redeter-
7 minations for the Social Security Administration,
8 the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations
9 shall be increased by the amount of the additional
10 budget authority and outlays resulting from that
11 budget authority for fiscal year 2009.

12 (2) INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TAX COMPLI-
13 ANCE.—In the House, prior to consideration of a bill
14 or joint resolution making appropriations for fiscal
15 year 2009 that appropriates **【\$_____,000,000】** to
16 the Internal Revenue Service and the amount is des-
17 ignated to improve compliance with the provisions of
18 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and provides an
19 additional appropriation of up to
20 **【\$_____,000,000】**, and the amount is designated
21 to improve compliance with the provisions of the In-
22 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, the allocation to the
23 Committee on Appropriations shall be increased by
24 the amount of the additional budget authority and

1 outlays resulting from that budget authority for fis-
2 cal year 2009.

3 (3) HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE CONTROL
4 PROGRAM.—In the House, prior to consideration of
5 a bill or joint resolution making appropriations for
6 fiscal year 2009 that appropriates up to
7 **【\$_____,000,000】** and the amount is designated to
8 the health care fraud and abuse control program at
9 the Department of Health and Human Services, the
10 allocation to the Committee on Appropriations shall
11 be increased by the amount of additional budget au-
12 thority and outlays resulting from that budget au-
13 thority for fiscal year 2009.

14 (4) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM IN-
15 TEGRITY ACTIVITIES.—In the House, prior to con-
16 sideration of a bill or joint resolution making appro-
17 priations for fiscal year 2009 that appropriates
18 **【\$_____,000,000】** for in-person reemployment and
19 eligibility assessments and unemployment insurance
20 improper payment reviews for the Department of
21 Labor and provides an additional appropriation of
22 up to **【\$_____,000,000】**, and the amount is des-
23 ignated for in-person reemployment and eligibility
24 assessments and unemployment insurance improper
25 payment reviews for the Department of Labor, the

1 allocation to the Committee on Appropriations shall
2 be increased by the amount of additional budget au-
3 thority and outlays resulting from that budget au-
4 thority for fiscal year 2009.

5 (b) PROCEDURE FOR ADJUSTMENTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the House, prior to con-
7 sideration of a bill, joint resolution, amendment, or
8 conference report, the chairman of the Committee on
9 the Budget shall make the adjustments set forth in
10 subsection (a) for the incremental new budget au-
11 thority in that measure and the outlays resulting
12 from that budget authority if that measure meets
13 the requirements set forth in subsection (a), except
14 that no adjustment shall be made for provisions ex-
15 empted for the purposes of titles III and IV of the
16 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 under section 404
17 of this resolution.

18 (2) MATTERS TO BE ADJUSTED.—The adjust-
19 ments referred to in paragraph (1) are to be made
20 to—

21 (A) the allocations made pursuant to the
22 appropriate concurrent resolution on the budget
23 pursuant to section 302(a) of the Congressional
24 Budget Act of 1974; and

1 (B) the budgetary aggregates as set forth
2 in this resolution.

3 **SEC. 402. OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE.**

4 In the House, all committees are directed to review
5 programs within their jurisdiction to root out waste, fraud,
6 and abuse in program spending, giving particular scrutiny
7 to issues raised by Government Accountability Office re-
8 ports. Based on these oversight efforts and committee per-
9 formance reviews of programs within their jurisdiction,
10 committees are directed to include recommendations for
11 improved governmental performance in their annual views
12 and estimates reports required under section 301(d) of the
13 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to the Committee on
14 the Budget.

15 **SEC. 403. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST ADVANCE APPROPRIA-**
16 **TIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the House, except as provided
18 in subsection (b), a bill or joint resolution making a gen-
19 eral appropriation or continuing appropriation, or an
20 amendment thereto or a conference report thereon, may
21 not provide for advance appropriations.

22 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—In the House, an advance appro-
23 priation may be provided for fiscal year 2010 for pro-
24 grams, projects, activities, or accounts identified in the re-
25 port to accompany this resolution or the joint explanatory

1 statement of managers to accompany this resolution under
2 the heading “Accounts Identified for Advance Appropria-
3 tions” in an aggregate amount not to exceed
4 【\$_____,000,000】 in new budget authority, and for
5 2011, accounts separately identified under the same head-
6 ing.

7 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “advance
8 appropriation” means any new discretionary budget au-
9 thority provided in a bill or joint resolution making gen-
10 eral appropriations or any new discretionary budget au-
11 thority provided in a bill or joint resolution continuing ap-
12 propriations for fiscal year 2009 that first becomes avail-
13 able for any fiscal year after 2009.

14 **SEC. 404. OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS AND EMERGENCY**
15 **NEEDS.**

16 (a) OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS AND RELATED ACTIVI-
17 TIES.—In the House, if any bill, joint resolution, amend-
18 ment, or conference report makes appropriations for fiscal
19 year 2008 or fiscal year 2009 for overseas deployments
20 and related activities, and such amounts are so designated
21 pursuant to this subsection, then new budget authority
22 and outlays resulting therefrom shall not count for the
23 purposes of titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget
24 Act of 1974.

1 (b) EMERGENCY NEEDS.—In the House, if any bill,
2 joint resolution, amendment, or conference report makes
3 appropriations for discretionary amounts, and such
4 amounts are designated as necessary to meet emergency
5 needs, then the new budget authority and outlays resulting
6 therefrom shall not count for the purposes of titles III and
7 IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

8 **SEC. 405. BUDGETARY TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DISCRE-**
9 **TIONARY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the House, notwithstanding
11 section 302(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of
12 1974, section 13301 of the Budget Enforcement Act of
13 1990, and section 4001 of the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-
14 ation Act of 1989, the joint explanatory statement accom-
15 panying the conference report on any concurrent resolu-
16 tion on the budget shall include in its allocation under sec-
17 tion 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to
18 the Committee on Appropriations amounts for the discre-
19 tionary administrative expenses of the Social Security Ad-
20 ministration and of the Postal Service.

21 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—In the House, for purposes of
22 applying section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act
23 of 1974, estimates of the level of total new budget author-
24 ity and total outlays provided by a measure shall include
25 any off-budget discretionary amounts.

1 **SEC. 406. APPLICATION AND EFFECT OF CHANGES IN ALLO-**
2 **CATIONS AND AGGREGATES.**

3 (a) APPLICATION.—Any adjustments of allocations
4 and aggregates made pursuant to this resolution shall—

5 (1) apply while that measure is under consider-
6 ation;

7 (2) take effect upon the enactment of that
8 measure; and

9 (3) be published in the Congressional Record as
10 soon as practicable.

11 (b) EFFECT OF CHANGED ALLOCATIONS AND AG-
12 GREGATES.—Revised allocations and aggregates resulting
13 from these adjustments shall be considered for the pur-
14 poses of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 as alloca-
15 tions and aggregates contained in this resolution.

16 (c) BUDGET COMMITTEE DETERMINATIONS.—In the
17 House, for purposes of this resolution, the levels of new
18 budget authority, outlays, direct spending, new entitle-
19 ment authority, revenues, deficits, and surpluses for a fis-
20 cal year or period of fiscal years shall be determined on
21 the basis of estimates made by the Committee on the
22 Budget.

23 **SEC. 407. ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN CON-**
24 **CEPTS AND DEFINITIONS.**

25 In the House, upon the enactment of any bill or joint
26 resolution providing for a change in concepts or defini-

1 tions, the chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
2 make adjustments to the levels and allocations in this res-
3 olution in accordance with section 251(b) of the Balanced
4 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (as
5 in effect prior to September 30, 2002).

6 **SEC. 408. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.**

7 The House adopts the provisions of this title—

8 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
9 the House and as such they shall be considered as
10 part of the rules of the House, and these rules shall
11 supersede other rules of the House only to the ex-
12 tent that they are inconsistent with other such rules
13 of the House; and

14 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
15 right of the House to change those rules at any
16 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent
17 as in the case of any other rule of the House.

18 **TITLE V—POLICY**

19 **SEC. 501. POLICY ON MIDDLE-INCOME TAX RELIEF.**

20 It is the policy of this resolution to—

21 (1) minimize fiscal burdens on middle-income
22 families and their children and grandchildren;

23 (2) provide immediate relief for the tens of mil-
24 lions of middle-income households who would other-
25 wise be subject to the alternative minimum tax

1 (AMT) under current law, in the context of perma-
2 nent, revenue-neutral AMT reform; and

3 (3) support extension of middle-income tax re-
4 lief and enhanced economic equity through policies
5 such as—

6 (A) extension of the child tax credit;

7 (B) extension of marriage penalty relief;

8 (C) extension of the 10-percent individual
9 income tax bracket;

10 (D) elimination of estate taxes on all but
11 a minute fraction of estates by reforming and
12 substantially increasing the unified tax credit;

13 (E) extension of the research and experi-
14 mentation tax credit;

15 (F) extension of the deduction for State
16 and local sales taxes;

17 (G) extension of the deduction for small
18 business expensing; and

19 (H) enactment of a tax credit for school
20 construction bonds.

21 This resolution assumes that the cost of enacting such
22 policies is offset by reforms within the Internal Revenue
23 Code of 1986 that promote a fairer distribution of taxes
24 across families and generations, economic efficiency, high-

1 er rates of tax compliance to close the “tax gap,” and re-
2 duced taxpayer burdens through tax simplification.

3 **SEC. 502. POLICY ON DEFENSE PRIORITIES.**

4 It is the policy of this resolution that—

5 (1) the Administration’s budget requests should
6 comply with section 1008, Public Law 109-364, the
7 John Warner National Defense Authorization Act
8 for Fiscal Year 2007, and the Administration should
9 no longer attempt to fund overseas military oper-
10 ations through emergency supplemental appropria-
11 tions requests;

12 (2) the Department of Defense should exclude
13 nonwar requirements from its funding requests for
14 Iraq and Afghanistan;

15 (3) implementing the recommendation of the
16 National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the
17 United States (commonly referred to as the 9/11
18 Commission) to adequately fund cooperative threat
19 reduction and nuclear nonproliferation programs (se-
20 curing “loose nukes”) is a high priority and should
21 receive far greater emphasis than the President’s
22 budget provides;

23 (4) readiness of our troops, particularly the Na-
24 tional Guard and Reserve, is a high priority, and

1 that greater emphasis needs to be placed on miti-
2 gating equipment and training shortfalls;

3 (5) TRICARE fees for military retirees under
4 the age of 65 should not be increased as the Presi-
5 dent's budget proposes;

6 (6) military pay and benefits should be en-
7 hanced to improve the quality of life of military per-
8 sonnel;

9 (7) improving military health care services con-
10 tinues to be a high priority and adequate funding to
11 ensure quality health care for returning combat vet-
12 erans should be provided;

13 (8) higher priority defense needs could be ad-
14 dressed by funding missile defense at an adequate
15 but lower level, not providing funding for develop-
16 ment of space-based missile defense interceptors,
17 and by restraining excessive cost and schedule
18 growth in defense research, development and pro-
19 curement programs;

20 (9) the Department of Defense should reassess
21 current defense plans to ensure that weapons devel-
22 oped to counter cold war-era threats are not redun-
23 dant and are applicable to 21st century threats;

24 (10) sufficient resources should be provided for
25 the Department of Defense to do an aggressive job

1 of addressing as many as possible of the 1,260
2 unimplemented recommendations made by the Gov-
3 ernment Accountability Office (GAO) over the last 7
4 years to improve practices at the Department of De-
5 fense, including investigation of the billions of dol-
6 lars of obligations, disbursements and overcharges
7 for which the Department of Defense cannot ac-
8 count;

9 (11) savings from the actions recommended in
10 paragraphs (8) and (10) of this section should be
11 used to fund the priorities identified in paragraphs
12 (3) through (7);

13 (12) the Department of Defense report to Con-
14 gress on its assessment of cold war weapons and
15 progress on implementing GAO recommendations as
16 outlined in paragraphs (9) and (10) by a time deter-
17 mined by the appropriate authorizing committees;
18 and

19 (13) the GAO report to the appropriate con-
20 gressional committees by the end of the 110th Con-
21 gress regarding the Department of Defense's
22 progress in implementing its audit recommendations.

1 **TITLE VI—SENSE OF THE HOUSE**

2 **SEC. 601. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON THE INNOVATION**

3 **AGENDA AND AMERICA COMPETES ACT.**

4 It is the sense of the House that—

5 (1) the House should provide sufficient funding
6 so that our Nation may continue to be the world
7 leader in education, innovation and economic
8 growth;

9 (2) last year, Congress passed and the Presi-
10 dent signed the America COMPETES Act, bipar-
11 tisan legislation designed to ensure that American
12 students, teachers, businesses, and workers are pre-
13 pared to continue leading the world in innovation,
14 research, and technology well into the future;

15 (3) this resolution supports the efforts author-
16 ized in the America COMPETES Act, providing
17 substantially increased funding above the President's
18 requested level for 2009, and increased amounts
19 after 2009 in Function 250 (General Science, Space
20 and Technology) and Function 270 (Energy);

21 (4) additional increases for scientific research
22 and education are included in Function 500 (Edu-
23 cation, Employment, Training and Social Services),
24 Function 550 (Health), Function 300 (Environment
25 and Natural Resources), and Function 370 (Com-

1 merce and Housing Credit), all of which receive
2 more funding than the President's budget provides;

3 (5) because America's greatest resource for in-
4 novation resides within classrooms across the coun-
5 try, the increased funding provided in this resolution
6 will support initiatives within the America COM-
7 PETES Act to educate tens of thousands of new sci-
8 entists, engineers, and mathematicians, and place
9 highly qualified teachers in math and science K-12
10 classrooms; and

11 (6) because independent scientific research pro-
12 vides the foundation for innovation and future tech-
13 nologies, this resolution will keep us on the path to-
14 ward doubling funding for the National Science
15 Foundation, basic research in the physical sciences,
16 and collaborative research partnerships, and toward
17 achieving energy independence through the develop-
18 ment of clean and sustainable alternative energy
19 technologies.

20 **SEC. 602. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON SERVICEMEMBERS'**
21 **AND VETERANS' HEALTH CARE AND OTHER**
22 **PRIORITIES.**

23 It is the sense of the House that—

24 (1) the House supports excellent health care for
25 current and former members of the United States

1 Armed Services—they have served well and honor-
2 ably and have made significant sacrifices for this
3 Nation;

4 (2) this resolution provides \$_____,000,000 in
5 discretionary budget authority for 2009 for Function
6 700 (Veterans Benefits and Services), including vet-
7 erans' health care, which is \$_____,000,000 more
8 than the 2008 level, \$_____,000,000 more than the
9 Congressional Budget Office's baseline level for
10 2009, and \$_____,000,000 more than the Presi-
11 dent's budget for 2009; and also provides more dis-
12 cretionary budget authority than the President's
13 budget in every year after 2009;

14 (3) this resolution provides funding to continue
15 addressing problems such as those identified at Wal-
16 ter Reed Army Medical Center to improve military
17 and veterans' health care facilities and services;

18 (4) this resolution assumes the rejection of the
19 health care enrollment fees and pharmaceutical co-
20 payment increases in the President's budget;

21 (5) this resolution provides additional funding
22 above the President's inadequate budget levels for
23 the Department of Veterans Affairs to research and
24 treat veterans' mental health, post-traumatic stress
25 disorder, and traumatic brain injury; and

1 (6) this resolution provides additional funding
2 above the President's inadequate budget levels for
3 the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the
4 speed and accuracy of its processing of disability
5 compensation claims, including funding to hire addi-
6 tional personnel above the President's requested
7 level.

8 **SEC. 603. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON HOMELAND SECURITY.**

9 It is the sense of the House that—

10 (1) this resolution assumes additional homeland
11 security funding above the President's requested
12 level for 2009 and every subsequent year;

13 (2) this resolution assumes funding above the
14 President's requested level for 2009, and additional
15 amounts in subsequent years, in the four budget
16 functions—Function 400 (Transportation), Function
17 450 (Community and Regional Development), Func-
18 tion 550 (Health), and Function 750 (Administra-
19 tion of Justice)—that fund most nondefense home-
20 land security activities; and

21 (3) the homeland security funding provided in
22 this resolution will help to strengthen the security of
23 our Nation's transportation system, particularly our
24 ports where significant security shortfalls still exist
25 and foreign ports, by expanding efforts to identify

1 and scan all high-risk United States-bound cargo,
2 equip, train and support first responders (including
3 enhancing interoperable communications and emer-
4 gency management), strengthen border patrol, and
5 increase the preparedness of the public health sys-
6 tem.

7 **SEC. 604. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING LONG-TERM**
8 **FISCAL REFORM.**

9 It is the sense of the House that—

10 (1) both the Government Accountability Office
11 and the Congressional Budget Office have warned
12 that the Federal budget is on an unsustainable path
13 of rising deficits and debt;

14 (2) using recent trend data and reasonable pol-
15 icy assumptions, CBO has projected that the gap be-
16 tween spending and revenues over the next 75 years
17 will reach 6.9 percent of GDP;

18 (3) publicly held debt will rise from 36 percent
19 today to 400 percent of GDP by the decade begin-
20 ning in 2050 under CBO's alternative policy sce-
21 nario;

22 (4) the most significant factor affecting the
23 long-term Federal fiscal landscape is the expectation
24 that total public and private health spending will
25 continue to grow faster than the economy;

1 (5) the House calls upon governmental and
2 nongovernmental experts to develop specific options
3 to reform the health care system and control costs,
4 that further research and analysis on topics includ-
5 ing comparative effectiveness, health information
6 technology, preventative care, and provider incen-
7 tives is needed, and that of critical importance is the
8 development of a consensus on the appropriate
9 methods for estimating the budgetary impact and
10 health outcome effects of these proposals; and

11 (6) immediate policy action is needed to address
12 the long-term fiscal challenges facing the United
13 States, including the rising costs of entitlements, in
14 a manner that is fiscally responsible, equitable, and
15 lasting, and that also honors commitments made to
16 beneficiaries, and that such action should be bipar-
17 tisan, bicameral, involve both legislative and execu-
18 tive branch participants, as well as public participa-
19 tion, and be conducted in a manner that ensures
20 full, fair, and timely Congressional consideration.

21 **SEC. 605. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING WASTE,**
22 **FRAUD, AND ABUSE.**

23 It is the sense of the House that—

1 (1) all committees should examine programs
2 within their jurisdiction to identify wasteful and
3 fraudulent spending;

4 (2) title IV of this resolution includes cap ad-
5 justments to provide appropriations for agencies that
6 control programs that accounted for a significant
7 share of improper payments reported by Federal
8 agencies: Social Security Administration Continuing
9 Disability Reviews, the Medicare/Medicaid Health
10 Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program, and Un-
11 employment Insurance Program Integrity;

12 (3) title IV also includes a cap adjustment for
13 the Internal Revenue Services for tax compliance ef-
14 forts to close the \$300,000,000,000 tax gap;

15 (4) the resolution's deficit-neutral reserve funds
16 require authorizing committees to cut lower priority
17 and wasteful spending to accommodate any new
18 high-priority entitlement benefits; and

19 (5) title IV of the resolution directs all commit-
20 tees to review the performance of programs within
21 their jurisdiction and report recommendations annu-
22 ally to the Committee on the Budget as part of the
23 views and estimates process required by section
24 301(d) of the Congressional Budget Act.

1 **SEC. 606. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING EXTENSION**
2 **OF THE STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO RULE.**

3 It is the sense of the House that to reduce the deficit,
4 Congress should extend the PAYGO rules originally en-
5 acted in the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990.

6 **SEC. 607. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON LONG-TERM BUDG-**
7 **ETING.**

8 It is the sense of the Congress that the determination
9 of the congressional budget for the United States Govern-
10 ment and the President's budget request should include
11 consideration of the Financial Report of the United States
12 Government, especially its information regarding the Gov-
13 ernments net operating cost, financial position, and long-
14 term liabilities.

15 **SEC. 608. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING THE NEED TO**
16 **MAINTAIN AND BUILD UPON EFFORTS TO**
17 **FIGHT HUNGER.**

18 It is the sense of the House that—

19 (1) 35.5 million Americans (12.6 million of
20 them children) are food insecure—uncertain of hav-
21 ing, or unable to acquire, enough food, and that
22 11.1 million Americans are hungry because of lack
23 of food;

24 (2) despite the critical contributions of the De-
25 partment of Agriculture nutrition programs (particu-
26 larly the food stamp program), which significantly

1 reduced payment error rates while providing help to
2 partially mitigate the effects of rising poverty and
3 unemployment, significant need remains, even
4 among families that receive food stamps;

5 (3) nearly 25 million people, including more
6 than nine million children and nearly three million
7 seniors, sought emergency food assistance from food
8 pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and local charities
9 last year;

10 (4) legislation that passed the House with bi-
11 partisan support was an appropriate first step to-
12 ward ensuring that nutrition assistance keeps up
13 with inflation and rising food prices; and

14 (5) Department of Agriculture programs that
15 help us fight hunger should be maintained and that
16 the House should continue to seize opportunities to
17 reach Americans in need and to fight hunger.

18 **SEC. 609. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING AFFORDABLE**
19 **HEALTH COVERAGE.**

20 It is the sense of the House that—

21 (1) nearly 47 million Americans, including nine
22 million children, lack health insurance;

23 (2) people without health insurance are more
24 likely to experience problems getting medical care
25 and to be hospitalized for avoidable health problems;

1 (3) most Americans receive health coverage
2 through their employers, and a major issue facing all
3 employers is the rising cost of health insurance;

4 (4) small businesses, which have generated
5 most of the new jobs annually over the last decade,
6 have an especially difficult time affording health cov-
7 erage, because of higher administrative costs and
8 fewer people over whom to spread the risk of cata-
9 strophic costs;

10 (5) because it is especially costly for small busi-
11 nesses to provide health coverage, their employees
12 make up a large proportion of the Nation's unin-
13 sured individuals; and

14 (6) legislation consistent with the pay-as-you-go
15 principle should be adopted that makes health insur-
16 ance more affordable and accessible, with attention
17 to the special circumstances affecting employees of
18 small businesses, and that lowers costs and improves
19 the quality of health care by encouraging integration
20 of health information technology tools into the prac-
21 tice of medicine, and by promoting improvements in
22 disease management and disease prevention.

23 **SEC. 610. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING PAY PARITY.**

24 It is the sense of the House that rates of compensa-
25 tion for civilian employees of the United States should be

1 adjusted at the same time, and in the same proportion,
2 as are rates of compensation for members of the uni-
3 formed services.

4 **SEC. 611. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING SUBPRIME**
5 **LENDING AND FORECLOSURES.**

6 It is the sense of the House that—

7 (1) over the last six months, the Nation has ex-
8 perience a significant increase in the number of
9 homeowners facing the risk of foreclosure with esti-
10 mates of as many as 2.8 million subprime and other
11 distressed borrowers facing the loss of their homes
12 over the next five years;

13 (2) the rise in foreclosures not only has an im-
14 mediate, devastating impact on homeowners and
15 their families, but it also has ripple effects—

16 (A) local communities experiencing high
17 levels of foreclosures experience deterioration as
18 a result of the large number of vacant fore-
19 closed and abandoned homes;

20 (B) rising foreclosure rates can accelerate
21 drops in home prices, affecting all homeowners;
22 and

23 (C) home mortgage default and foreclosure
24 rates increase risk for lenders, further restrict-

1 ing the availability of credit, which can in turn
2 slow economic growth; and
3 (3) the rise in foreclosures is not only a crisis
4 for subprime borrowers, but a larger problem for
5 communities as a whole, and considering the multi-
6 layered effects of increasing foreclosures, the House
7 should consider steps to address this complex prob-
8 lem.